

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred House Bill No.
3 655 entitled “An act relating to establishing a telehealth licensure and
4 registration system” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the report of the Committee on Health Care be amended as
6 follows:

7 First: In Sec. 1, 26 V.S.A. chapter 56, in section 3054, in subdivision
8 (b)(2), by striking out subdivision (D) in its entirety and inserting in lieu
9 thereof a new subdivision (D) to read as follows:

10 (D) pay the required telehealth registration fee, which shall be the
11 lesser of:

12 (i) 50 percent of the renewal fee for the profession as set forth in
13 3 V.S.A. § 125 or in the applicable chapter of this title; or

14 (ii) the application fee for a full license for the profession as set
15 forth in 3 V.S.A. § 125 or in the applicable chapter of this title.

16 Second: In Sec. 1, 26 V.S.A. chapter 56, in section 3054, by adding a
17 subsection (d) to read as follows:

18 (d) Transition to licensure; fee credit.

19 (1) If a health care professional holding a telehealth registration issued
20 pursuant to this chapter elects to apply for a telehealth license or a full license
21 while the professional’s telehealth registration is in effect or within three years

1 following the effective date of the professional’s telehealth registration, the
2 amount of the fee paid by the health care professional for the telehealth
3 registration pursuant to subdivision (b)(2)(D) of this section shall be credited
4 and applied toward the amount of the relevant telehealth license under
5 subdivision (a)(2)(F) of this section if the professional is seeking a telehealth
6 license or the application fee for a full license for the profession as set forth in
7 3 V.S.A. § 125 or in the applicable chapter of this title.

8 (2) If a health care professional holding a telehealth license issued
9 pursuant to this chapter elects to apply for a full license while the
10 professional’s telehealth license is in effect, the amount of the fee paid by the
11 health care professional for the telehealth license pursuant to subdivision
12 (a)(2)(F) of this section shall be credited and applied toward the amount of the
13 application fee for a full license for the profession as set forth in 3 V.S.A.
14 § 125 or in the applicable chapter of this title.

15 Third: By adding a reader assistance heading and a new section to be Sec. 3
16 to read as follows:

17 * * * Appropriation * * *

18 Sec. 3. TELEHEALTH LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION SYSTEM;

19 APPROPRIATION

1 The sum of \$360,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
2 Office of Professional Regulation in fiscal year 2023 to develop and implement
3 the telehealth licensure and registration system established in this act.

4 Fourth: By renumbering the existing Sec. 3, effective dates, to be Sec. 4
5 and, in the renumbered section, by adding a subsection (c) to read as follows:

6 (c) Sec. 3 (telehealth licensure and registration system; appropriation) shall
7 take effect on July 1, 2022.

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